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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: MEINZER ET AL. ART UNIT: 1615
APPLICATION NO: 10/781,069 EXAMINER: CHANNAVAJJALA, L.S.
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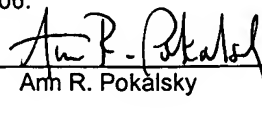
In response to the final Office Action of May 3, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 12-26 based on the following remarks and arguments.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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